(d) whether Nasik has now been chosen as a Bombay-base for new Airline which had applied to the Director General of Civil Aviation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and decision taken by Government and DGCA thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) M/s Raj Aviation Pvt. Ltd., have been permitted by the Director General of Civil Aviation to operate with Nasik as base of their operation, on their own request.

Meeting of National Carriers and other air taxi operators

5855. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the national carriers, private air taxi operators and other was convened by the DGCA recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, the conclusions reached at this meeting; and

(c) when Government propose to implement the conclusions reached at this meeting in regard to the safety standards?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the meeting the operators were advised to take the following additional measures to enhance safety of operations.

(i) All pilots should practice flight procedures for handling emergencies, on simulators during refresher courses:

(ii) Overhead life of aircraft component should be reviewed; and

(iii) Air India and Indian Airlines should establish separate quality control and quality assurance divisions in vsew of their large scale operations.

Operators were also advised to improve airworthiness standards of aircraft and safety of operations by strengthening of quality control set up, prompt rectification of snags, establishment of adequate maintenance facilities monitoring of Digital Flight Data Recorder and Cockpit Voice Recorder readouts, pre-flight medical examination of crew, observance of special precautions while operating to/from short airfields, adherence to standard operating procedures etc.

(c) Action to implement above measures is to be taken on a continuing basis.

Expenditure in Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi

5856. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred in Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) during the last three years; and

(b) the number of pilots produced by this institution during that period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The expenditure incurred in Indira Gandhi